

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, February 08, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Pearson, Dias, Jasparro, Preiss and Blackburn. Commissioners Richard, Jackson, Walker and Filippi were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #110022: Mr. Russell Yates, for the property located at 1551 Warwick Avenue, Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias to grant a variance that will allow the Applicant to disconnect the fire alarm system and sprinkler in this facility, at the direction and satisfaction of the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100046: Comprehensive Community Action, Inc., for the property located at 311 Doric Avenue, Cranston. DSFM Christopher Moore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to grant the Applicant a variance to use the NFPA 2009 edition to create a plan of action regarding the sprinkler coverage in this facility and to correct all outstanding deficiencies at the direction and satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The Board advised the Applicant and the State Fire Marshal's Office to return to the Board once the

plan of action has been completed. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110012: Mr. Glenn Thompson, for the property located at 60 Eddie Dowling Highway, North Smithfield. ADSFM Brian Gartland appeared for the North Smithfield Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias to grant a variance for the second means of egress through the storage room of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090053: Mr. James MacIntyre, for the property located at 237 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. ADSFM James Bellamy, Oscar Elmasian and Robert Powers appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to grant a variance to allow the Applicant to install a fire rated door with panic hardware on the second floor interior stairway at the direction and satisfaction of the East Providence Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #110004: Mr. Robert Miner, for the property located at 80 Commercial Way, East Providence. ADSFM Oscar Elmasian, James Bellamy, and Robert Powers appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion,

seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to grant the Applicant a variance to omit sprinkler coverage from the fully enclosed electrical room; a variance to omit sprinkler coverage over existing tray-furnace; the Applicant will provide sprinkler coverage throughout the remainder of the facility; a variance from RILSC 13.7.1.1 to allow the supplementary beam type smoke detector to be controlled by the security system and transmit alarm signal through the fire alarm system. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of twenty four (24) months from date of this decision to install a door on the second floor of this facility to provide proper means of egress from the second floor leading to the exterior stairs. In granting this variance the Applicant's conference room located on the second floor will have a limited occupancy of fifteen (15) people at the discretion and the satisfaction of the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090195A: Mr. Harrison Bilodeau, for the property located at 211 Waterman Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf, Richard Fournier and Brian Kreizinger appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson to grant the Applicant a time variance until March 1, 2011 to submit all necessary paperwork to the Providence Water Supply and Providence Department of Public Works for the connection of the sprinklers system in this facility. The Board granted the Applicant an additional time variance until April 01, 2011 to address all remaining vertical opening issues as outlined in the

original decision and inspection, at the direction and satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Applicant was granted a time variance by the Board until April 01, 2011 to secure the water supply to the sprinkler system in this facility and to bring this sprinkler system into full compliance with the code at the direction and satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The Board hereby grants the Providence Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadline by an additional sixty (60) days for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110007: Mr. Ryan Carroll, for the property located at 15 Finance Way, Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias to grant the Applicant a time variance until March 15, 2011 that allows the Applicant the use of a temporary single means of occupancy and a temporary non-compliant exit passage way that must be fully enclosed, which will discharge through the level of exit discharge of this facility. The Providence Fire Marshal's Office has the authority to grant more time, if the Applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #110009: Mr. Robert Stillings, for the property located at 963 Chalkstone Avenue, Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Preiss made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to grant the Applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship to allow him to maintain the boiler room non-compliant wall enclosure. The Applicant advised the Board that this building will have full sprinkler coverage. The Applicant will replace the boiler rooms door with code compliant fire rated door with panic hardware and will install sprinkler heads in the boiler room. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070532A: Mr. Frank King, for the property located at 422 East School Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Frank Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias to allow the applicant to workout a plan of action with a structural engineer to certify if suitable separation can be achieved within this building without compromising any part of this building. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office would have the authority to approve this plan of action. If suitable separation can not be achieved, the Applicant must install a municipally connected fire alarm system in this building at the direction and satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070243: Family Resources Community Action, for the property located at 8 Court Street, Woonsocket. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Frank Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to

grant the Applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship for the interior stairway tread depth within the basement stairs of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present the State Fire Marshal's Office with a plan of action for the installation of a fire alarm system and an additional 150 days in which to implement that plan. The motion was unanimous

Appeal #070562: Mr. John Cass did not appear for the property located at 999 Cass Avenue, Woonsocket. The Applicant notified the Board by a letter dated February 08, 2011 that he would like to close his file. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias to accept the Applicant's letter to close out his file with no objection from the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #100328: Ms. Mary E. Kane, for the property located at 752 Providence Street, Woonsocket. ADSFM Francis Dunton appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office with a plan of action for the installation of fire alarm system within this facility and also to install domestic sprinkler heads over the boiler with an additional 150 days to implement that plan. The Board granted variances for the second means of egress through the kitchen area and to allow the main entry door swing to

remain as is. The Board granted the Applicant a variance for the non rated stairways and non rated doors to stairway to remain as long as the Applicant provided self-closing devices at the direction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. The Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office is granted the authority to extend the above deadlines, if the Applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

On February 9, 2010, a motion was made by Commissioner Jasparro, seconded by Commissioner Pearson to accept the subcommittee's recommendation from the January 9, 2011 hearing. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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